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THE SOVIETS FROM TIME-TO-TIME PUBLICLY TWIT THE CHINESE ABOUT THE COLONIAL STATUS OF HONG KONG. THE LATEST BARB FROM MOSCOW IS A JULY 21 MANDARIN BROADCAST TO CHINA WHICH MAINTAINS THAT CHINA'S INVOLVEMENT IN A NEW U.S. \$100 MILLION INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX HERE (SEE REFTEL) IS A CLEAR SIGNAL THAT PRC LEADERS ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THE POLITICAL STATUS QUO VIS-A-VIS HONG KONG. THE BROADCAST CONTENDS THAT THE PRC ASKED HONG KONG TO SET ASIDE LAND FOR THE COMPLEX AND INDICATES THAT THE SOVIETS AGREE WITH FOREIGN OBSERVERS WHO ALLEGEDLY "UNANIMOUSLY" BELIEVE PEKING HAS MOVED TO ELIMINATE FEARS OF FOREIGN INVESTORS THAT THE PRC MIGHT WANT TO REASSERT DIRECT CONTROL OVER THE COLONY. THE BROADCAST'S FINAL SENTENCE CONTAINS THE LOWEST BLOW OF ALL. IT ASSERTS, "THESE OBSERVERS HAVE ALSO EMPHATICALLY POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS COMPLETED, CHINESE LEADERS WILL JOIN

THE CAPITALIST MONOPOLY ORGANIZATIONS IN EXPOLITING THE
LABOR OF THE HONG KONG WORKER, OF WHOM THE MAJORITY ARE
REFUGEES FROM THE CHINESE MAINLAND."
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